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POLLUTION IN YAMUNA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed any committee in connection with making Yamuna in Delhi a pollution free river;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the progress made so far;

(c) whether the Government has ascertained/proposes to ascertain the view of environmentalist as regards possible alternatives to make cleaning efforts more effective and result-oriented;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefore;

(f) the funds earmarked for this purpose during 2007-08; and

(g) the treating capacity of sewage treatment plants set-up with a view to keeping rivers, particularly Yamuna clean?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (g): For undertaking pollution abatement measures in the river Yamuna in Delhi an Integrated Action Plan has been prepared with a number of agencies identified towards its implementation. The works under Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) in Delhi are also a part of the above Integrated Action Plan. Further, in pursuance to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court , a three tier monitoring mechanism has been constituted. This includes an Apex Committee at the Central level, besides at the level of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi and at the implementing agency level.

An amount of Rs. 77 crore has been earmarked for Delhi, UP and Haryana during 2007-08 for undertaking pollution abatement works under Yamuna Action Plan, Phase-II (YAP-II). A treatment capacity of 741 mld has been created under YPA-I which has since been declared closed. Under YAP-I, 402 mld treatment capacity in U.P., 309 mld in Haryana and 30 mld in Delhi was created. Further under YAP-II, it is envisaged to create 135 mld capacity in Delhi and 54 mld capacity in UP apart from rehabilitating 324 mld capacity in Delhi. In addition the Govt's of NCT of Delhi, Haryana and U.P. have also taken up large scale sewerage, non-sewerage and sewage treatment works out of their own Plan funds. For facilitating implementation of YAP-II, a Project Management Consultant comprising of a number of experts in the field of environmental pollution control has been appointed.